

**IN RE: TIMOTHY P. REMPE****NO. BD-2014-088****S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Botsford on September 17, 2014, with an effective date of October 17, 2014.¹****SUMMARY²**

The respondent was admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in December 2002. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he had substantial experience as a professional handling immigration matters and preparing immigration petitions and applications. Beginning in 2005, the respondent was an associate in the immigration practice of a large law firm. The firm used a special software database designed to track its immigration matters and to permit clients secure limited access to review the status of their matters. The supervisors in the firm also used the software as part of their supervisory responsibilities. The respondent understood the ways in which the firm used the software.

Between 2007 and 2010, the respondent was assigned by the firm to file employment-based immigration petitions and applications on behalf of three of its clients. The respondent failed to complete or file the documents on behalf of at least six foreign nationals employed by the three clients. Between late 2010 and late 2011, the respondent made entries to the firm's database falsely showing that he had taken appropriate action for the benefit of the six employees. During this same period, the respondent falsely implied or misrepresented on multiple occasions to representatives of the clients that he had filed the immigration petitions and applications.

The respondent's neglect resulted in harm to one foreign national, who was required to leave the United States and was unable to re-enter the U.S. The firm reviewed the respondent's work and was able to take corrective action in the remaining matters.

By failing to file the immigration petitions and applications, the respondent violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3. By failing to inform his clients that the matters had not been filed, he violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.4(a) and (b). By misrepresenting the status of their matters to the clients and placing false entries in the firm's database to conceal his neglect, the respondent violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(c) and (h).

¹ The complete Order of the Court is available by contacting the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.

² Compiled by the Board of Bar Overseers based on the record filed with the Supreme Judicial Court.

The respondent's substantial experience in immigration, the cumulative nature of his misconduct and the extended time of his deception were factors in aggravation. The respondent had no history of discipline.

The matter came before the Board of Bar Overseers on a stipulation of facts and rule violations and a joint recommendation for a suspension of a year and a day. On September 8, 2014, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend that the Supreme Judicial Court accept the parties' stipulation. On September 17, 2014, the court entered an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law for a year and a day.